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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment of the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for your approval.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 15 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs \$61.6 million in federal earmark and local measure funds for a project in the City of Fresno to construct a four-lane freeway on the new alignment. See enclosed. |
| | State Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies state cash funding for project planning, programming and monitoring. See enclosed.• Modifies or adds various projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program. See enclosed. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 15 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming required a conformity determination and a new regional emissions analysis. The October 2005 Air Quality Conformity Determination demonstrates that the amended FTIP passes the required emission budget tests using the latest planning assumptions and emissions models. In addition, the FTIP provides for the timely implementation of the Transportation Control measures and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. COFCG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross A. Chittenden', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
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Enclosures

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